

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, I just got some word that the Highway Safety Commission and the Federal Authorities have almost mandated that we pass LB66 and therefore I wish we would pass this over until I get the documentation that is necessary.

PRESIDENT: Any objections to passing over LB66? Are there objections? Hearing none, so ordered. Lets take 302 is next. Senator Kennedy are you prepared to take up 302? If you are we will read the title, if not we will...go ahead wait a minute, Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President this bill was heard in the appropriation committee and Senator Marvel said to me a few moments ago that this bill had to be re-heard again in committee. I would like to ask Senator Tom Kennedy if Senator Marvel had told him this.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Yes, and I just visited with Senator Marvel and he is coming in here. He would like to ask that LB302 be put back for a public hearing because of the tremendous amount of interim study work that has been done this summer and the amount of amendments proposed for LB302. I am sure that Senator Marvel, was following me in here I thought with the idea that, yes, here comes Senator Marvel and I'm sure that Senator Whitney is correct that LB302 should go back to committee and I thought that Senator Marvel should have the privilege of asking as it is his committees bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel what is your pleasure on LB302?

SENATOR MARVEL: LB302 is a complicated bill that has to do with the reorganization of mental health on a community basis and there have been extensive amendments which none of us have had a chance to go over. I can tell you personally that it is a controversial matter as far as our particular area is concerned where there has been conflict with the professionals as to whether we have regional centers or as to whether we have community health centers or whether we have both. Unless somebody has serious objections I would think for the benefit of the Legislature it would be well to have a hearing before the health department on this particular bill since the thing has been practically rewritten. So I would like to ask permission unless somebody wants to look this over for a day or two, you don't even have the latest amendments on it. I would like to have permission to have this bill returned to the Health, Public Welfare, Public Health and Welfare Committee for the purposes of holding a new hearing on LB302. This is an appropriations committee bill and I am perfectly willing to go before that committee with those who are interested in revision and appear and have a comprehensive and spirited discussion in this area. I think that there are some professional people in this state who need to appear before a committee of this legislature and explain in clear terms exactly what they propose to do in the area of reorganization of mental health services. I'm not opposed to the reorganization but somebody has got to clarify it and I think that the best way to do it is to go before the committee.

PRESIDENT: The Chair wants to make sure that I heard a motion to return it.

SENATOR MARVEL: My motion is to return LB302 to the Public Health and Welfare Committee with the suggestion that they hold a public hearing on this bill because it has been completely revised.